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SUBJECT: PRIVATE PROPOSAL FOR ISRAELI ASSISTANCE TO  
LEBANON; REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT

1. IRVING BOREN, WHO HAS INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO US AS A  
PROMINENT JEWISH-AMERICAN INDUSTRIALIST, HEAD OF THE  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN BRANCH OF THE RED  
SHIELD OF DAVID (RED CROSS OF ISRAEL), AND A MEMBER OF THE  
BOARD OF THE HAIFA TECHNION, TOLD DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY DAY THAT HE HAD HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH  
ISRAELI OFFICIALS ON A PLAN TO INCREASE MEDICAL SERVICES  
FOR WOUNDED AND SICK LEBANESE. BOREN ASSERTED HE HAS BEEN  
IN CONTACT WITH PERES, SHEMTOV, AND THE KUPAT HOLIM, ALL OF  
WHOM AGREED THAT ISRAEL SHOULD UNDERTAKE A PROGRAM OF  
EXPANDED MEDICAL SERVICES FOR SICK OR WOUNDED LEBANESE AND  
THE EXPEDITING OF THEIR TRANSPORTATION FROM LEBANON TO  
EXPANDED ISRAELI MEDICAL FACILITIES IN NORTHERN ISRAEL,  
INCLUDING BY HELICOPTER DIRECT FROM COMBAT ZONES. HE SAID  
THE ISRAELIS NOTED DIFFICULTIES FINANCING SUCH PROGRAM  
AND ASKED WHETHER U.S. COULD DO SO. BOREN URGED THAT WE  
CONTACT PERES AND "CONVEY OUR WARM SENTIMENTS FOR ANY  
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POSITIVE STEPS THAT

REACH OUT TO LEBANON AND ASSURE HIM THAT ISRAEL'S REASONABLE NEEDS WOULD BE LOOKED UPON SYMPATHETICALLY." BOREN WOULD LIKE THE UNITED STATES TO FUND THIS PROGRAM FROM U.S. DOLS TWENTY MILLION REQUESTED OF CONGRESS FOR LEBANESE ASSISTANCE.

2. BOREN SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH ADCM DOZIER, HIS PROPOSAL AND ITS RECEPTION IN ISRAEL. BOREN HAS TALKED TO SEVERAL SENATORS HERE AND MAY PURSUE HIS SCHEME FURTHER. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT ISRAELIS TOLD HIM IN RESPONSE TO HIS IDEAS, BUT IN CHECKING ON THIS (IN LOW KEY WAY) YOU SHOULD GIVE NO IMPRESSION THAT WE THINK IT IS PRACTICABLE OR WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT IT. SUGGEST YOU CHECK THROUGH MFA RATHER THAN DIRECTLY WITH PEOPLE BOREN SAW, IN ORDER TO GET MORE CONSEQUENTIAL REACTION.

3. PLEASE CABLE YOUR FINDINGS. KISSINGER

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